

ism Year 1991 include creation of awareness about India as a tourist destination in key markets abroad, promotion of 46 fairs and festivals along with special events and 18 travel circuits through publicity and marketing.

(b) A total of 16, 77, 461 tourists visited India during the year 1991. The estimated amount of foreign exchange earned during the year 1991 was Rs. 2, 918 crores.

[Translation]

Fake Courier Service in Delhi

4082. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a gang running fake courier service has recently been unearthed in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this regard;

(c) whether any action taken against them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Prima-facie involvement of one Postman and two employees of a private courier firm in such activities in the Capital has come to the notice of the Government and those persons have been arrested by the police.

(c) to (e). Action as per law has been initiated.

[English]

Regularisation of Daily Wagers in MTNL

4083. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are taking steps for the regularisation of daily wagers of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of such workers who have completed a period of 240 days in continuous service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has already been initiated to regularise all those temporary status mazdoors who have completed 10 (Ten) years of service vide DOT letter No. 260-27/91-STN dt. 3.1.1992.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a).

(d) Number of such workers are at Bombay 2340 & at New Delhi 5870.

Irrigation and Soil Erosion Projects in Assam

4084. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for irrigation project and the erosion by the rivers received by the Union Government from the Government of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of the proposals approved